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Democrats Near Agreement on Reconciliation Package

Democrats continue to negotiate a scaled-down version of the \$3.5 trillion reconciliation package containing President Joe Biden’s Build Back Better agenda, with the bill expected to eventually total around \$2 trillion. Leadership continues to work to bridge gaps between the centrist and progressive wings of the Democratic party. Recent developments include Sen. Kyrsten Sinema’s (D-Ariz.) opposition to corporate and individual tax hikes – originally intended to offset much of the cost of the spending plan – and Sen. Joe Manchin’s (D-W. Va.) opposition to significant portions of the bill’s climate change provisions.

Proposals to expand the Medicare program benefit and reduce drug costs are among the final issues at hand as Democrats work to assemble the reconciliation bill. Sen. Sinema has come out in opposition to the bill’s drug pricing proposals, and the President has now characterized Medicare expansion as a “reach,” given Sen. Manchin’s opposition to expansion unless the bill also addresses the Medicare program’s long-term solvency. While President Biden stated that he expects a hearing benefit will be included in the bill – given its support from Sen. Sinema – he has been floating an \$800 annual Medicare voucher for dental care as an alternative proposal while admitting that there is not yet a consensus around vision care. While Sens. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) have offered assurances that the economic plan will include a provision to allow for the negotiation of drug prices in the Medicare program, the White House is pitching a revised measure that would exempt drugs with government-granted exclusivity from Medicare price negotiations. Latest reports indicate that a separate provision requiring rebates from companies that raise the cost of their products beyond the rate of inflation remains intact.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) has said that more than 90% of the plan is agreed to and written. Leadership hopes to vote on both the reconciliation package and the bipartisan infrastructure framework (BIF) by October 31, ahead of the expiration of several transportation programs. If an agreement has not been reached by this point, lawmakers are reportedly considering an extension of the authority for distributions from the Highway Trust Fund through December 3 to provide additional time to broker an agreement on the broader bill.

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The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) released its [analysis](#) of provisions in the legislation that would affect health insurance coverage of people under age 65. The agency estimates that the bill would expand coverage to 4.1 million people across Medicaid and the individual insurance market over the next decade at the cost of \$553.2 billion. Much of the spending would be associated with provisions to close the coverage gap in states that have not yet opted to expand their Medicaid programs.

House Passes Series of Health Care Legislation

The House of Representatives passed several health care related bills last week, including the ***National Centers of Excellence in Advanced and Continuous Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Act*** (H.R. 4369). The bill, which passed by a vote of 368-56, directs the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to solicit applications from institutions of higher education to be labeled as National Centers for Excellence in Advanced and Continuous Pharmaceutical Manufacturing. The chamber also passed the ***State Opioid Response Grant Authorization Act*** (H.R. 2379), by a 380-46 vote. The bill authorizes the State Opioid Response grant program to receive \$1.75 billion annually through fiscal year (FY) 2027. The ***Strengthening America's Strategic National Stockpile Act*** (H.R. 3635), authorizing state strategic stockpiles, making changes to the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS), and providing funding for a supply chain manufacturing flexibility pilot program, passed by a vote of 397-22. Finally, the ***Drug-Free Communities Pandemic Relief Act*** (H.R. 654), which allows for the waiver of matching requirements for Drug-Free Communities Support Program grantees if the recipient was impacted by COVID-19, passed by a 395-30 vote.

Senate Appropriators Release FY 22 Spending Bills

Democratic appropriators in the Senate have completed the [release](#) of their full slate of fiscal year (FY) 2022 spending bills. The government funding bills total \$1.5 trillion, with a 13% increase for non-defense programs – less than the 16% in the President's budget. The \$220.8 billion Labor-Health and Human Services-Education funding bill includes \$47.9 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), a \$5 billion increase over current spending levels. Of the \$5 billion increase, \$2 billion would be used to fund the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H), significantly less than the \$6.5 billion requested by the White House. The current continuing resolution (CR) expires on December 3, the same day when the Treasury Department is expected to hit its borrowing limit. While Congress has frequently raised or suspended the debt limit alongside government funding legislation, Republicans have pledged to not provide the support necessary to address the debt limit through regular order. Congress is also expected to resort to a one-year stopgap spending measure to avoid a government shutdown unless Democrats and Republicans can first reach an agreement on top-line funding levels for each of the 12 spending bills.

Lawmakers Urge Changes to MPFS, RO Payment Model

In three separate letters to the administration, members of Congress are calling for action to mitigate an estimated \$300 million in cuts contained in the proposed 2022 Medicare physician fee schedule (MPFS) and the proposed radiation oncology (RO) payment model. The lawmakers warn that the payment cuts and the new payment model could adversely impact patient access to care. The proposed MPFS would eliminate a one-time increase of 3.75% provided by Congress in 2021 in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE). The moratorium on the 2% Medicare sequester is also set to expire at the end of the year. Passage of the American Rescue Plan and pay-as-you-go requirements is expected to result in additional payment cuts of up to 4% next year. The new oncology payment model, set to go into effect on January 1, 2022, will bundle payments for radiation therapy, setting the same rate over a 90-day care episode regardless of setting. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) estimates that the model will save \$230 million over five years. A [letter](#) led by Sens. Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) and Richard Burr (R-N.C.) expresses concerns that devaluing radiation oncology services “could have chilling effects on patient access to life-saving care” and urges CMS to mitigate the impact on radiation oncology providers. A group of 67 lawmakers in the House of Representatives signed on to a similar [letter](#) led by Reps. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-Pa.) and Brian Higgins (D-N.Y.), which questions whether the “severe cuts” stemming from the proposed MPFS cuts and the parameters of the radiation oncology model would “create instability and undermine the transition to value-based payment.” A third [letter](#) from Reps. Bobby Rush (D-Ill.) and Tony Cardenas (D-Calif.) on behalf of the Congressional Black, Hispanic, Asian Pacific American, and Native American caucuses argues that the “proposed combined payment cuts undermine the promise of the RO Model and the chance to improve health equity.”

Blumenthal Warns Opposition to Likely FDA Nominee

Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) has contacted the White House to express concerns with the President's consideration of Robert Califf, MD to lead the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Blumenthal voted against Califf's confirmation in 2016 because of the nominee's ties to the pharmaceutical industry. At that time, he was joined by Sens. Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) and Ed Markey (D-Mass.). Califf is a cardiologist and a senior advisor at the Duke Clinical Research Institute who has emerged as the likely candidate to serve as Commissioner of Food and Drugs. He previously served as FDA Commissioner during the last year of President Obama's term (February 2016-January 2017). At that time, he was confirmed by the Senate 89-4. More than sixty of the senators who voted for his confirmation continue to serve in the Senate today.

FDA, CDC Update COVID Booster Policies

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced last week that it is amending the emergency use authorizations (EUA) for COVID-19 vaccines to allow for the use of a single booster dose as follows:

- The use of a single booster dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine that may be administered at least six months after completion of the primary series to individuals:
 - 65 years of age and older
 - 18 through 64 years of age at high risk of severe COVID-19
 - 18 through 64 years of age with frequent institutional or occupational exposure to SARS-CoV-2
- The use of a single booster dose of the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine may be administered at least two months after completion of the single-dose primary regimen to individuals 18 years of age and older.
- The use of each of the available COVID-19 vaccines as a heterologous booster dose in eligible individuals following completion of primary vaccination with a different available COVID-19 vaccine.
- To clarify that a single booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine may be administered at least six months after completion of the primary series to individuals 18 through 64 years of age with frequent institutional or occupational exposure to SARS-CoV-2.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) also announced its endorsement of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendations for the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 boosters. The CDC's recommendations cover all three available vaccines and allow for mix and match dosing of booster shots. The panel signed off on boosters for all adults who received the J&J vaccine at least two months post-immunization, and for those who received the Moderna vaccine who are 65 years and older, live in long-term care settings, have underlying medical conditions, or who work or live in high-risk settings.

FDA Approves New Interchangeable Biosimilar

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the first interchangeable biosimilar product to treat certain inflammatory diseases. Cyltezo, whose reference product is Humira, is the second interchangeable biosimilar product approved by the agency and the first interchangeable monoclonal antibody. Cyltezo is approved for the following indications in adult patients:

- moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis;
- active psoriatic arthritis;
- active ankylosing spondylitis;
- moderately to severely active Crohn's disease;
- moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis; and
- moderate to severe chronic plaque psoriasis.

NC, PA Representatives Announce Plans to Retire

Rep. David Price (D-N.C.) has announced plans to retire after next year's midterm elections. Price was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1986. He is a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee and serves on the House Budget Committee. Rep. Mike Doyle (D-Penn.) also announced last week that he will not be running for reelection to seek a 15th term in Congress. Doyle was first elected in 1994 and currently serves on the Energy and Commerce Committee.

DHS Secretary Tests Positive for COVID

Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas has tested positive for COVID-19. He is fully vaccinated. Mayorkas stated that he is experiencing mild congestion and will continue working from home in keeping with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Upcoming Congressional Hearings and Markups

House Education & Labor Joint Subcommittee hearing "Protecting Lives and Livelihoods: Vaccine Requirements and Employee Accommodations;" 10:15 a.m.; October 26

House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health legislative hearing "Caring for America: Legislation to Support Patients, Caregivers, and Providers;" 10:30 a.m.; October 26

House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Technology Modernization hearing "Plans for the Continuation of the Department of Veterans Affairs Electronic Health Record Modernization Program;" 2:00 p.m.; October 26

House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health hearing "Lessons Learned? Building a Culture of Patient Safety Within the Veterans Health Administration;" 10:00 a.m.; October 27

House Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs hearing "United States Global COVID-19 Response: Actions Taken & Future Needs;" 10:00 a.m.; October 27

House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change hearing "TSCA and Public Health: Fulfilling the Promise of the Lautenberg Act;" 10:30 a.m.; October 27

Senate Judiciary Committee Executive Session including markup of S. 2428, False Claims Amendments Act; 9:00 a.m.; October 28

Recently Introduced Health Legislation

H.R.5583 — To amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs to strengthen the health care workforce, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Curtis, John R. [R-UT-3]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.5585 — To establish the Advanced Research Projects Agency–Health, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.5590 — To require Federal agencies to acknowledge, accept, and agree to truthfully present, natural immunity pertaining to COVID–19 pursuant to promulgating certain regulations; Sponsor: Rep. Harshbarger, Diana [R-TN-1]; Committees: House - Oversight and Reform

H.R.5594 — To amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize grants to promote positive health behaviors and outcomes for populations in medically underserved communities, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Joyce, John [R-PA-13]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.5602 — To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a Bio-Preparedness and Infectious Diseases Workforce Loan Repayment Program; Sponsor: Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.5604 — To direct the Patient Center Outcome Research Institute to prepare and release a report on home cardiorespiratory monitors for infants, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means

H.R.5605 — To establish a grant program that provides grants to States, Indian Tribal governments, Federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics, local governments, and community-based organizations to establish and support PrEP programs, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

S.2988 — To require any COVID–19 vaccine mandate issued by Congress or an Executive agency to include informed parental consent for the administration of a COVID–19 vaccine to a minor, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

H.R.5642 — To make any individual who is demonstrated to have antibodies to the virus that causes COVID-19 exempt from any Federal mandate for vaccination against COVID-19; Sponsor: Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-50]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.5645 — To require the evaluation and standardization of suicide prevention efforts by the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette [R-IA-2]; Committees: House - Armed Services

H.R.5649 — To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for relocating manufacturing to the United States, permanent full expensing for qualified property, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Roy, Chip [R-TX-21]; Committees: House - Ways and Means

H.R.5632 — To codify a statutory definition for long-term care pharmacies. Sponsor: Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means

H.R.5627 — To amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to prohibit certain vaccine mandates as conditions of participation under the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Sponsor: Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means

- H.R.5626 — To amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the National Institutes of Health, to consult with certain heads of Federal agencies with respect to biomedical research that may affect national security, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Joyce, John [R-PA-13]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce
- H.R.5625 — To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to revise the requirement that a recipient of a grant under the High Obesity Program be located in a county with an adult obesity rate of more than 40 percent, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce
- H.R.5623 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to prohibit price concessions with respect to insulin drugs and exceptions under part D of Medicare, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means
- H.R.5622 — To amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to allow for premium rates in the group and individual health insurance markets to vary during the COVID-19 emergency period based on COVID-19 vaccination status, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Judiciary
- H.R.5613 — To prohibit the Federal Government from mandating vaccination against COVID-19 for interstate travel. Sponsor: Rep. Cawthorn, Madison [R-NC-11]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Transportation and Infrastructure
- H.R.5612 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a one-year waiver of budget neutrality adjustments under the Medicare physician fee schedule, and would be offset by using unobligated funds from the Provider Relief Fund. Sponsor: Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means; Appropriations
- H.R.5611 — To empower communities to establish a continuum of care for individuals experiencing mental or behavioral health crisis, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means; Armed Services; Veterans' Affairs; Oversight and Reform
- H.R.5610 — To streamline enrollment in health insurance affordability programs and minimum essential coverage, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-7]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means
- H.R.5607 — To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend increased dependency and indemnity compensation paid to surviving spouses of veterans who die from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, regardless of how long the veterans had such disease prior to death. Sponsor: Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]; Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs
- S.3012 — To provide a moratorium on all Federal research grants provided to any institution of higher education or other research institute that is conducting gain-of-function research. Sponsor: Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
- S.3001 — A bill to streamline enrollment in health insurance affordability programs and minimum essential coverage, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]; Committees: Senate - Finance
- S.3000 — A bill to prohibit proof of COVID-19 vaccination status as a requirement for receiving assistance under a program funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]; Committees: Senate - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

- S.2999 — A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services, any officer or employee of the Department of Health and Human Services, and States from requiring COVID-19 vaccination as a condition of eligibility for benefits or assistance under the Medicare, Medicaid, or CHIP programs. Sponsor: Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]; Committees: Senate - Finance
- S.2998 — A bill to prohibit the Commissioner of Social Security and any officer or employee of the Social Security Administration from requiring that any individual be vaccinated against COVID-19 as a condition of receiving benefits under titles II or XVI of the Social Security Act. Sponsor: Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]; Committees: Senate - Finance
- S.2997 — A bill to prohibit a COVID-19 vaccination requirement for eligibility in nutrition programs. Sponsor: Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]; Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
- S.2994 — A bill to list certain perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances as hazardous air pollutants, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]; Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works
- S.2993 — A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish in the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency the National Cyber Exercise Program, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Sen. Rosen, Jacklyn [D-NV]; Committees: Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
- S.3013 — A bill to require the evaluation and standardization of suicide prevention efforts by the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]; Committees: Senate - Armed Services
- S.3017 — A bill to expand the provision and availability of dental care furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]; Committees: Senate - Veterans' Affairs
- S.3018 — A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish requirements with respect to the use of prior authorization under Medicare Advantage plans, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS]; Committees: Senate - Finance
- S.3020 — A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to modify the eligibility of veterans for treatment as a low-income family for purposes of enrollment in the patient enrollment system of the Department of Veterans Affairs and to guarantee health care benefits for veterans enrolled in such system, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]; Committees: Senate - Veterans' Affairs
- S.3025 — A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand health care and benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs for military sexual trauma, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]; Committees: Senate - Veterans' Affairs
- S.3028 — A bill to authorize the Attorney General to make grants to, and enter into cooperative agreements with, States and units of local government to develop, implement, or expand 1 or more programs to provide medication-assisted treatment to individuals who have opioid use disorder and are incarcerated within the jurisdictions of the States or units of local government; Sponsor: Sen. Markey, Edward [D-MA]; Committees: Senate - Judiciary
- S.3032 — A bill to require certain manufactured goods introduced for sale in the United States to have a domestic value content of more than 50 percent, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Hawley, Josh [R-MO]; Committees: Senate - Finance
- S.3039 — A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to establish an interagency council on social determinants of health, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]; Committees: Senate - Finance

S.3041 — A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for and support liver illness visibility, education, and research, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.3043 — A bill to promote minimum State requirements for the prevention and treatment of concussions caused by participation in school sports, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Durbin, Richard [D-IL]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.3047 — A bill to establish a pilot program to support medical residency and fellowship programs that assist veterans, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]; Committees: Senate - Veterans' Affairs

S.3048 — A bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to establish an Advisory Commission on Serving and Supporting Students with Mental Health Disabilities in Institutions of Higher Education, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Casey, Bob [D-PA]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.3050 — A bill to remove limitations under Medicaid, Medicare, CHIP, and the Department of Veterans Affairs on benefits for persons in custody pending disposition of charges; Sponsor: Sen. Markey, Edward [D-MA]; Committees: Senate - Finance

H.Res.740 — Recognizing October 2021 as Liver Cancer Awareness Month; Sponsor: Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.5654 — To authorize the Secretary of Education to establish an Advisory Commission on Serving and Supporting Students with Mental Health Disabilities in Institutions of Higher Education, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]; Committees: House - Education and Labor

H.R.5656 — To amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to require providers of services and health maintenance organizations under the Medicare and Medicaid programs to provide for certain policies to be in place relating to do-not-resuscitate orders or similar physician's orders for unemancipated minors receiving services; Sponsor: Rep. LaTurner, Jake [R-KS-2]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means

H.R.5657 — To amend the Controlled Substances Act to make marijuana accessible for use by qualified marijuana researchers for medical purposes, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Judiciary; Budget

H.R.5660 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to adjust coinsurance requirements for outpatient critical access hospital services furnished under the Medicare program; Sponsor: Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means

H.R.5663 — To prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from restricting direct access by health care facilities to COVID-19 monoclonal antibody therapies; Sponsor: Rep. Harshbarger, Diana [R-TN-1]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.5666 — To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand health care and benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs for military sexual trauma, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]; Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs; Armed Services

H.R.5669 — To amend the Controlled Substances Act to authorize physicians, pursuant to an agreement with the Attorney General, to transport controlled substances from a practice setting to another practice setting or to a disaster area; Sponsor: Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-17]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Judiciary

H.R.5671 — To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish seasonal influenza vaccines to certain individuals, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]; Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs

H.R.5672 — To require an audit of COVID-19 relief funding; Sponsor: Rep. Tenney, Claudia [R-NY-22]; Committees: House - Oversight and Reform

H.R.5674 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate the 190-day lifetime limit on inpatient psychiatric hospital services under the Medicare Program.

Sponsor: Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20] (Introduced 10/21/2021) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

H.R.5675 — To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for and support liver illness visibility, education, and research, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce